

Department of Energy

Germantown, MD 20874-1290

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Mr. Jamie W. Spence Executive Director Canvasback Missions, Inc. 940 Adams Street, Suite R Benicia, California 94510

Dear Mr. Spence:

Thank you for your letter of April 13, 1998, regarding your discussions with staff from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the sharing of transportation for their proposed thyroid survey.

As we discussed when we met briefly in Majuro, the Department of Energy (DOE) is about to select a new contractor for our Marshall Islands Medical Program. After our new contractor is chosen, I will ask my staff to make this contractor aware of your program and encourage them to work with you to identify activities that would be of benefit to our mutual efforts to improve the health of the Marshall Islands people.

I enjoyed meeting you in Majuro, wish you continued success with your program, and hope that we can forge links in the future between DOE's medical program and the valuable work performed by your organization.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary

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